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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES PLANS TOWARD ASSISTING "MOST  
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED" LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

REF: A. STATE 166122; B. EC BRUSSELS 7149; C BONN 11420

1. OFFICIALS OF BOTH THE FRG AID MINISTRY AND FOREIGN  
OFFICE HAVE TOLD US RECENTLY THAT THEIR REPORTS OF  
SECRETARY SIMON'S CONVERSATIONS WITH FINANCE MINISTER  
APEL AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN HAMBURG IN JULY INDICATE  
THAT THE USG DOES NOT PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UN  
EMERGENCY PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED  
LDCS. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THERE COULD HAVE BEEN SOME  
MISUNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING WHAT ACTUALLY WAS SAID IN  
HAMBURG, OUR SOURCES TELL US THAT FRG OFFICIALS ARE  
PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT, IN FACT, THE USG  
DECISION IS NEGATIVE.

2. THE US POSITION ON THIS ISSUE HAS A SIGNIFICANT  
IMPACT ON THE GERMANS AND CONSEQUENTLY THE EC POSITION.  
THIS IMPACT IS LIKELY TO BE FELT AT THE UPCOMING EC  
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DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24 AND THE

PREBISCH COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED, WE ARE TOLD, FOR THE 27TH. THE GERMANS, FOR FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL REASONS, AND IN CONTRAST TO THE UK AND DUTCH, ARE NOT PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE EC \$500 MILLION CONTRIBUTION. AND WHILE WE ARE TOLD THE GERMAN OFFICIAL POSITION ON THE CHEYSSON PROPOSAL FOR AN "EARNEST PAYMENT" (REFTEL B) IS NOT YET DECIDED UPON, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME FEELING IN BONN THAT THE UK AND DUTCH WILL GO AHEAD WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION WITHOUT THE REST OF THE EC IF THE SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING DOES NOT RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF THE EC.

3. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN STATE 184584 (PARA 22) INDICATES THAT THE US PLANS A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE SYG'S APPEAL ALBEIT IN BILATERAL CHANNELS. SINCE THAT INFORMATION IS LABELLED FYI, WE HAVE BEEN LIMITED IN OUR CONVERSATIONS TO DRAWING ON THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF A. IN VIEW OF THE IMPACT OF THE FRG'S PERCEPTION OF US POLICY ON THIS ISSUE AND ITS EFFECT ON THE SUCCESS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S APPEAL, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF US POLICY.  
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